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"A Fierce Joy"

Lady Death has found herself ALIVE and once more on the planet Earth, in New York City, but without any memory of who she is other than her name. She has been befriended by VIRGIL SOLOMON, the ghost of a slain police detective, and has, in turn, befriended young SARAH WILSON who, with her brother Tommy, lives with their Uncle Ralph. While trying to free some souls trapped by the Chaos avatar INNSMOUTH, Lady Death and Virgil encountered GRIMMOIRE who revealed to Lady Death something of her past. To her horror, she discovered she is the author of MEGADEATH - the deaths of millions so that she could walk the Earth once more. Meanwhile, the Chaos avatar VILE has seized and caged the children in his own body to sacrifice them to the CHAOS Lords while an avatar of Order named SANCTITY seeks to kill them to protect their innocence! Lady Death, trying to protect Sarah and Tommy, has come out on the very short end of the battle - and this time she is MORTAL. . .!

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LADY DI! GET
UP! C'MON, WOMAN!
YOU CAN'T BE DEAD! THAT
MONSTER IS GETTING
AWAY WITH THE KIDS! YOU
REMEMBER THEM, THE
ONES YOU **SWORE**
TO PROTECT?!

C'MON,
BITCH! GET
YOUR LAZY
DAMN ASS
IN GEAR!



WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!



WHAT I HAD
TO SAY TO GET YOU
GOING. THE KIDS ARE
OUT THE DOOR, TAKEN
BY VILE, AND THEY'RE
GOING TO BE SACRIFICED.
IF THEY'RE GOING TO
BE SAVED, IT HAS
TO BE BY YOU!
SO GET UP!



FIND THEM.
FOLLOW THEM. LET
ME KNOW WHERE
THEY ARE.

WHILE
YOU DO WHAT
EXACTLY?



FIND MY
SWORD. APOCALYPSE
DIDN'T COME WHEN
SUMMONED AND I DID
NO GOOD AGAINST VILE
WITHOUT IT. I REMEMBER
LEAVING IT BEHIND...
WITH GRIMMOIRE...
AND TO GRIMMOIRE
I NOW GO!



WHERE IS HE?! WHERE IS VILE?! WHERE IS THE WOMAN CALLED LADY DEATH?!

GONE... ALL GONE... HE HAS THE KIDS... NOTHING I CAN DO...



USELESS

NO! UNACCEPTABLE! YOU ARE A WORTHLESS SACK OF MEAT BUT YOU ARE ALL I HAVE AT THE MOMENT!

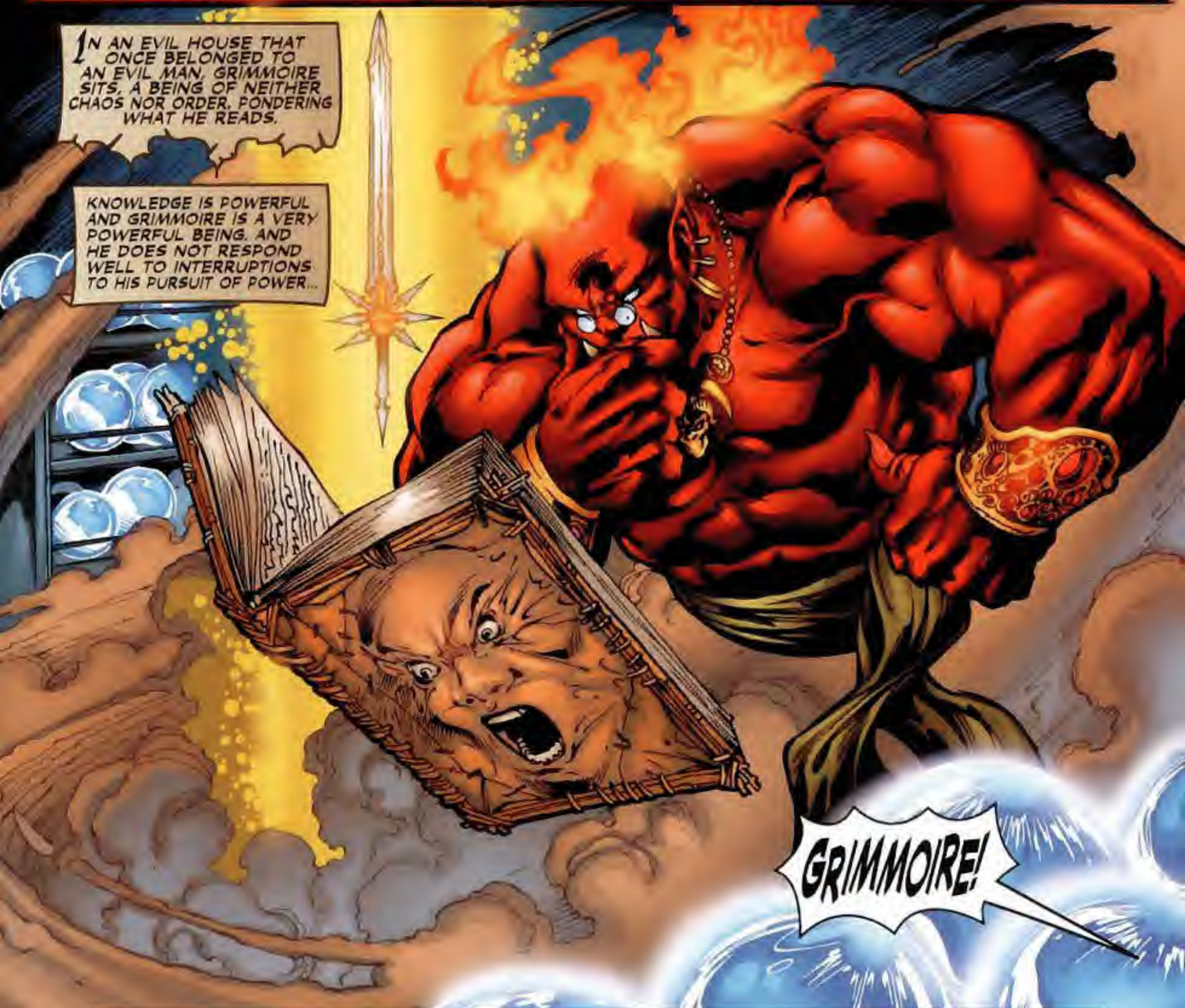
GK!
HK!
GK!



UP, MEAT PUPPET! THE CHILDREN WILL BE **CONTAMINATED!** WE MUST STOP VILE AND **PROTECT** THEIR PRECIOUS **INNOCENCE!**

YESSS

PRESERVE
KILL



IN AN EVIL HOUSE THAT ONCE BELONGED TO AN EVIL MAN, GRIMMOIRE SITS, A BEING OF NEITHER CHAOS NOR ORDER, PONDERING WHAT HE READS.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWERFUL AND GRIMMOIRE IS A VERY POWERFUL BEING. AND HE DOES NOT RESPOND WELL TO INTERRUPTIONS TO HIS PURSUIT OF POWER...

GRIMMOIRE!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY SWORD?!

YOUR SWORD?



I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE SWORD WAS ABANDONED WHEN YOU FLED HERE. THE SWORD, I GATHER, FELT MUCH THE SAME WAY SO I CLAIMED IT.

MY SWORD NOW, I THINK.



APOCALYPSE! HEAR ME! HEED YOUR MISTRESS! COME... NOW!



VERY WELL, YOUR SWORD.

IT WON'T BE ENOUGH, YOU KNOW, AGAINST VILE AND SANCTITY. HACKING AT THEM WILL NOT SERVE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW OF THESE THINGS?

IT'S WHAT I AM. *THEY* ARE BOTH AVATARS, ONE OF CHAOS AND ONE OF ORDER, AND FORCE ALONE WILL NOT SERVE.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT *WILL*?

WHAT DO YOU *OFFER* IN EXCHANGE?

MY SOUL -- OR THE SOULS OF ENEMIES!

LADY, YOUR OFFER IS... IRRESISTIBLE.

YOU *THINK*, LADY. YOU GROW DANGEROUS.

LET US SEE WHAT MAY BE OF *SERVICE*.



NOT FAR AWAY...

FASTER, DOLT! AH, YOU'RE USELESS!

USELESS

PATHETIC



I REMAIN WITH YOU AND I LOSE THE CHILDREN! I MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY!

GK!



PATHETIC
USELESS
WEAK

FAILURE
IMPOTENT
COWARD



ENOUGH!



I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH YOU! NO MORE! IF I GOTTA RIP MY GUTS OUT, I'M TAKING YOU OUT!



THOSE WERE MIKE'S KIDS! THOSE WERE SUSIE'S KIDS!

THEY'RE ALL I GOT LEFT OF THEM!

DAMMIT, THEY'RE MY KIDS! THEY'RE ALL -I- GOT LEFT! ALL THAT'S GOOD...!

THEY'RE MY KIDS AND I'M NOT GIVING THEM UP!

NOTHIN'S HAPPENING TO YOU KIDS -- NOT ON MY BEAT!



WHILE WITH GRIMMOIRE, NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS WILL DO THE JOB?

REASONABLY CERTAIN.



LADY DI VILE'S CLOSE TO THE CHAOSMOUTH! HE'S AT THE CEMETERY RIGHT OUTSIDE THE CREMATORIUM!



TAKE ME THERE NOW!



YOUR SOUL OR THE SOULS OF YOUR ENEMIES, LADY. I WILL HAVE MY PRICE.



BACK AT THE CEMETERY...

I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY THIS... I KNOW I'LL REGRET IT... BUT, HONESTLY, THIS HAS BEEN ALMOST TOO EASY.



THINK SO,
YOU DAMN SACK
OF PUS? LET THOSE
KIDS OUT AND I
MEAN NOW!

DO
IT!

WELL, LORDY!
WHAT DO WE HAVE
HERE? IT'S SANCTITY'S
FORMER MEAT PUPPET! AND
DA WIDDLE MAN GOT
A WIDDLE GUN!

THIS IS
SUPPOSED TO
STOP ME,
RIGHT?

LET'S
GIVE IT A
SHOT.

BIAM
BIAM
BIAM
BIAM







WHAT THE HIGH HOLY HELL IS THIS?!

GET UP.

C... CAN'T... CAN'T MOVE...



GET UP AND LISTEN!

TAKE THIS. WHEN I TELL YOU, I WANT YOU TO HURL IT AT VILE! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



WH-WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S IT SUPPOSED TO DO?

THAT'S NOT YOUR CONCERN! DO WHAT I TELL YOU WHEN I TELL YOU!



THAT'S A SOUL SPHERE AND A DAMN BIG ONE! YOU THINKING OF PUTTING VILE IN THERE?

AND SANCTITY, IF POSSIBLE. KEEP WELL CLEAR OF IT, VIRGIL.

"FIRST, I NEED TO GET
THE CHILDREN CLEAR!"

SCHWAK

KRAK

IS THIS
SOMEBODY'S IDEA OF
A JOKE?! ARE THESE
THINGS SUPPOSED
TO STOP ME?!

NO,
MERELY
DELAY
YOU.

THWOK

CHOK







CHOMP

SNKT

STORM!
MATCH MY FURY!
FEED MY HATE
WITH YOUR WHITE
HOT BOLT!

SCHTUCK

ZWT

SHRIKKKK


CRASH




BITCH!
THAT HURT!




TOLD YA
BEFORE, GIRLY --
WHAT ONE KNOWS,
ALL KNOWS! THAT
ELECTROCUTION
GAG MAY HAVE WORKED
WHEN IT WAS JUST PART
OF ME BUT YER GOIN'
AGAINST ALL OF ME?
JUST MAKES
ME MAD!



OUR FOE IS
A COMMON FOE!
LET ME IN AND
TOGETHER WE CAN
DEFEAT HIM!



NO-NO...!



THEN YOU
WILL DIE AND HE
WILL HAVE THE CHILDREN!
LET ME IN AND WE'LL
DESTROY HIM AND THEN
LATER DECIDE THE
CHILDREN!



Y-YES...!



SKI
HUKI
SUKI

FIRST
VILE, THEN THE
CHILDREN.

YOU
MOCKED ME,
YOU BLOATED
MOUND OF
FECES!

RIP
RIP
RIP

DO
YOU LAUGH
NOW?!

YOU CALL
YOURSELF VILE?! I
HAVE BATHED IN THE
BLOOD OF MILLIONS!
I AM THE MOTHER OF
MEGADEATH! I AM
THE MONSTER!

WHOMP

THOMP

SCHWAK





YOU!
THIS IS YOUR
DOING!

YES. ALL THE
MONSTERS ARE
TOGETHER NOW.
TRAPPED FOR
ETERNITY.

THEN YOU'VE
PUT YOURSELF IN
HELL, BITCH!

I
WELCOME
IT!

I AM THE
QUEEN OF HELL! I
AM THE MOTHER OF
SLAUGHTER! IF THIS
IS MY FATE, THEN I
EMBRACE IT!

SCHWAK

KRACK

FLOK



THAT WAS NOT THE BARGAIN, LADY.

NO! NOOOO!



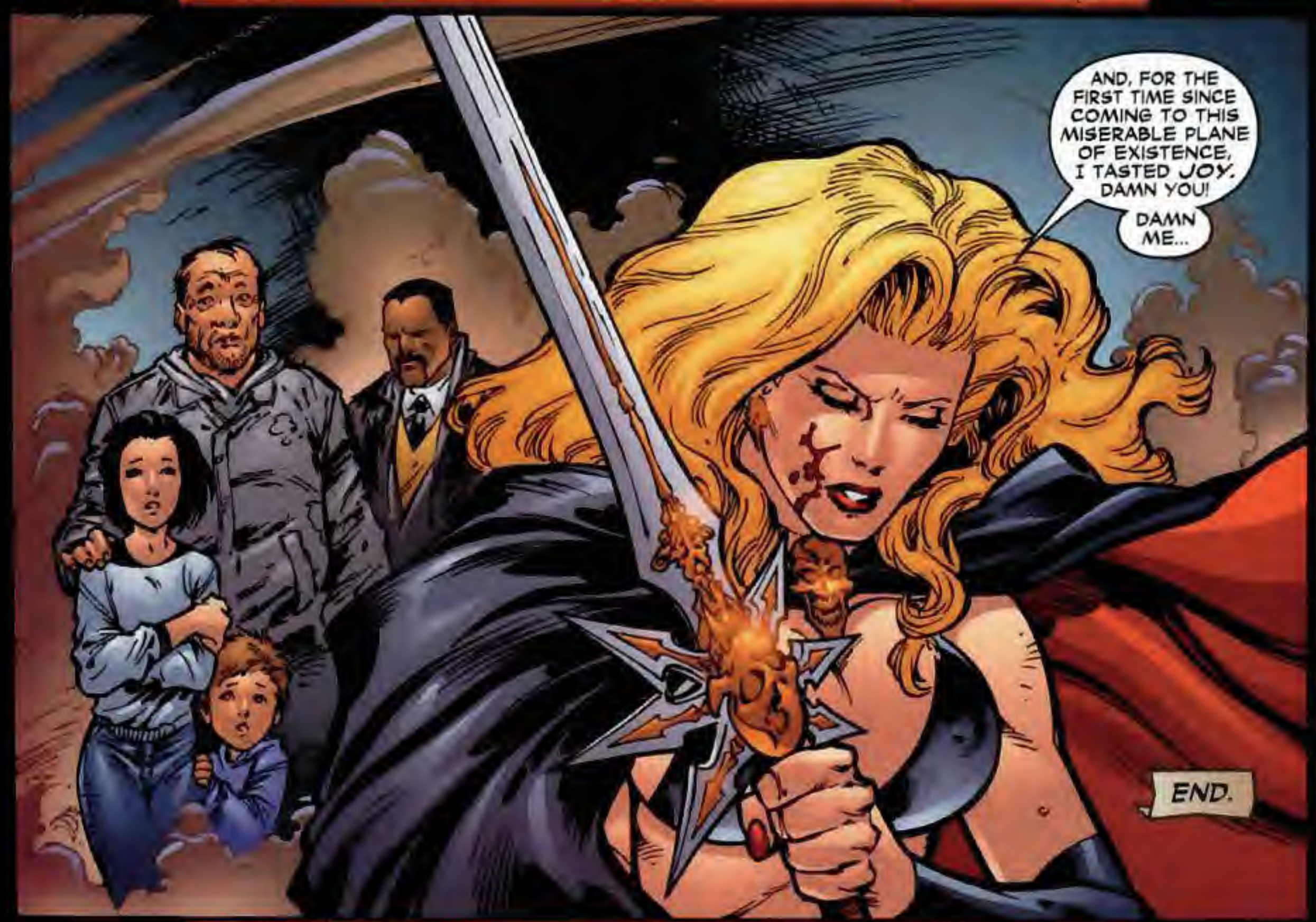
YOUR SOUL OR THE SOULS OF YOUR ENEMIES, LADY. THAT WAS THE BARGAIN. NOT BOTH. I WILL NOT ACCEPT LESS THAN MY DUE, BUT I WILL NOT TAKE MORE.

YOUR GHOST FRIEND MADE ME BRING THE SPHERE HERE, SEEIN' MY OWN PERSONAL DEMONS LET ME SEE HIM, I GUESS.

LADY D, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?



NO! I WAS LOCKED AWAY WHERE I COULD DO NO MORE HARM!



AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE COMING TO THIS MISERABLE PLANE OF EXISTENCE, I TASTED JOY. DAMN YOU!

DAMN ME...

END.